



## YUKON RIVER NEWS RELEASE

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### **YUKON AREA SUBDISTRICT 5-D AND DISTRICT 6 (TANANA RIVER) COMMERCIAL AND SUBSISTENCE SALMON FISHING SCHEDULES**

#### **SUBDISTRICT 5-D**

The department is announcing a second 24-hour commercial salmon fishing period for the Upper Yukon River Subdistrict 5-D beginning on Thursday July 17, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. and ending on Friday July 18, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. Subdistrict 5-D includes the Yukon River villages of Stevens Village, Beaver, Fort Yukon, Circle, and Eagle.

The subsistence schedule in Subdistrict 5-D is unaltered by this announcement and remains open seven days a week. Subsistence fishers are reminded that a subsistence permit is required for the Yukon River drainage from 2 miles downstream of Waldron Creek upstream to the Dall River and from 22 Mile Slough to the U.S./Canada Border. Fishers in all other areas are encouraged to fill out their subsistence salmon calendars. Permits and calendars are available from the Department of Fish and Game in Fairbanks.

#### **SUBDISTRICTS 6-A, 6-B AND 6-C**

In Subdistricts 6-A, 6-B, and 6-C commercial fishing for salmon will open for a third **42-hour** commercial salmon fishing period from **6:00 p.m. Friday, July 18 until 12:00 Noon Sunday, July 20, 2003**. District 6 includes the Tanana River communities of Manley, Minto, Nenana, and the Fairbanks area.

### **ALL FISHERS SHOULD MAKE SURE THEY HAVE A BUYER BEFORE COMMERCIAL FISHING FOR SALMON.**

The subsistence and personal use salmon fishing schedule in Subdistricts 6-A, 6-B and 6-C is unaltered by this announcement and remains open from 6:00 p.m. Mondays until 12:00 noon Wednesdays and from 6:00 p.m. Fridays until 12:00 noon Sundays except in the Old Minto area. In the Old Minto area subsistence salmon fishing is allowed five days a week from 6:00 p.m. Fridays until 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays.

Fishers are reminded that a subsistence salmon fishing permit is required in Subdistricts 6-A and 6-B, and a personal use salmon fishing permit and sportfish license is required in Subdistrict 6-C.

Additionally, in Subdistricts 6-A and 6-B subsistence fishing for non-salmon species, such as whitefish and other non-salmon fish species remains open 7 days per week. Gillnets used for harvesting non-salmon species during salmon fishing closures in Subdistricts 6-A and 6-B are restricted to a maximum length of 60 feet and a maximum mesh size of 4-inches. Fish wheels may not be used during closed salmon periods.

For additional information contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game toll free number (outside the Fairbanks area) at 1-866-479-7387, or 459-7387 within the Fairbanks area. If you have any questions regarding this report call the Fairbanks office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game at 459-7274.

This has been a report by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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